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ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT - UNDP (ITEM 45A9 DRAFT

RESOLUTION A/C.2/L.1349

REFERENCE: USUN 4179

1. QUOTED BELOW IS REV 2 OF SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. SINCE ISSUANCE OF REV 2 FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO CO-SPONSORS (ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT JAPAN, IRAQ AND LEBANON HAVE JOINED AS CO-SPONSORS):

A. AFRICAN GROUP HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH THAT CO-SPONSORS PREPARED TO ACCEPT "BEARING IN MIND THE VIEWS OF MEMBERSTATES, THE STATEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE DP/29/ADD.1 AT THE 17TH SESSION OF THE GC OF THE UNDP". FYI, THIS LANGUAGE FLOWS FROM THE FIGHT THE AFRICANS HAD WITH PTERSEN LAST JANUARY RE HIS PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE AFRICA BUREAU.

B. AFRICA GROUP HAS PROPOSED SECOND OPERATIVE PARA "DECIDES TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER AT ITS 30TH SESSION
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OF THE GA" WHICH CO-SPONSORS WILLIN TO ACCEPT BUT WHICH

A NUMBER OF WEO'S (AUSTRIA, FRG, UK) SAY THEY WOULD PREFER TO SEE DROPPED BUT WOULD MOST PROBABLY NOT PUSH TO A VOTE IF IT IS RETAINED. NOTE A NUMBER OF THE WEO'S BELIEVE IT PUTS THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE ADMINISTRATOR TOO MUCH UNDER THE THUMB OF THE UNGA. THEY FEEL IT IS BAD ENOUGH THAT THIS RESOLUTION BEING BROUGHT UP IN GA INSTEAD OF IN UNDP GC WITHOUT RUBBING IT IN AS PROPOSED SECOND OP PARA MAY BE SEEN TO DO.

C. BRAZIL (BRITO) IN A SUBTLE ATTEMPT TO PULL TEETH OF DRAFT RESOLUTION, AS BRAZIL NOT IN FAVOR OF REGIONAL FIELD OFFICES, HAS INFORMALLY SUGGESTED TO CO-SPONSORS FOLLOWING MAJOR MODIFICATION TO OPERATIVE PARA ONE NAMELY TO DELETE LAST FIVE LINES OF PARA AND REPLACE WITH "THE QUESTION OF HOW TO IMPLEMENT AND MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE DECENTRALIZATION POLICIES AND TRENDS REFLECTED IN THE CONSENSUS OF 1970 AND SUBSEQUENT DECISION, WORKING OUT INTER ALIA ARRANGEMENTS AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION WITH THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS". CO-SPONSORS HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THE BRITO SUGGESTION BUT SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER IT FURTHER.

3. NEXT INFORMAL CONSULTATION THIS RESOLUTION PLANNED FOR 11 AM 31 OCTOBER.

4. TEXT OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION 1/ AND THE RELEVANT PORTION OF THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION, 2/

RECALLING DECISION (III) OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION CONCERNING REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL CO-OPERATION TOWARDS THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS BOTH AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS, 3/

NOTING THE STATEMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL'S EIGHTEENTH SESSION, 4/ AND AT THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 5/ REGARDING THE DECENTRALIZATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN CONSONANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF COUNTRY-PROGRAMMING AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMING.

NOTING FURTHER THE VIEWS ON DECENTRALIZATION OF UNDP

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND ACTIVITIES AND THE DESIRE
TO SPEED UP THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DELIVERY OF
COUNTRY AND REGIONAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS THAT WERE
EXPRESSED AT SESSIONS OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO HELP PROVIDE POLICY GUIDANCE AND
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE UNDP
ADMINISTRATION AT HEADQUARTERS,

REQUESTS THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO GIVE PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION
AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT
OF THE ADMINISTRATOR TO THE QUESTION OF DECENTRALIZATION OF
UNDP ACTIVITIES, IN PARTICULAR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDP
REGIONAL OFFICES IN THE FIELD, IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH
THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING
THE PROGRAMMING, DELIVERY, IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP
ACTION OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL
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